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THE GREAT EXHIBITION.

Centennial Encampment of the Patrons of Husbandry, at Elm Station, (on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, less than three miles from the Exposition Buildings.)

The following is a circular from Bro. Thomas, Secretary, of the Centennial Encampment Association. We first thought to cut down the circular, but soon concluded that the information was all wanted not only by Patrons for whom it is especially intended, but for all other leaders and societies, who are to be benefited by the very liberal arrangements of the managers of this model institution. This circular confirms in the opinion we have entertained even since the project was determined upon, that this enterprise will do an inestimable amount of good, not only in promoting the good of our noble Order in a thousand ways, but kindred organizations will be aided, and the internal and beneficent character of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry be established beyond question.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

President, Dr. M. Stock, Grange, No. 27, Pa.; Vice-President, Wm. H. Dallett, Grange No. 69, Pa.; Treasurer, Townsend Walter, Grange No. 90, Pa.; Secretary, R. H. Thomas, Secretary Pa. State Grange.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:


The management of the Centennial Encampment Association beg to announce the completion of the largest Summer Hotel building in the world, containing over 1,200 rooms, and capable of comfortably entertaining from 3,000 to 4,000 persons daily.

This project was specially designed for the accommodation of members of the order of Patrons of Husbandry, Agricultural Societies, Farmers' Clubs, Sovereigns of Industry, Temperance Organizations, and kindred societies, with their friends, who purpose visiting the great Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, individually or in bodies.

The buildings are 485 feet in length by 450 feet in depth, situated on a good elevation at Elm Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, ten minutes' ride from the entrance of the Exposition Grounds, affording a healthy location, pleasant promenades, romantic and picturesque scenery.

The rooms are each furnished with a new double bed, (mattress and springs,) chairs, table, wash stand, ewer and basin, and a mirror—the walls are neatly papered and doors provided with a lock and key. The building is lighted with gas, and well ventilated, and the rooms, with the exception of 100, are located on the first floor, conveniently connected with the offices, dining rooms, wash rooms, closets, etc. Rooms on suite to any number for families and parties, and apartments for ladies unaccompanied by gentlemen.

The reception, promenade and sitting rooms are large, pleasant and convenient.

The dining room is 320 feet in length and 50 feet in width, capable of seating 1,000 guests at a time, without crowding. It is under the management of Brothers Jones & Phillips, of Grange No. 198, North East, Erie county, Pa.—gentlemen of character and ability—who may be depended upon to furnish their tables with an abundance of the best provisions the market will afford, as well as all the delicacies of the season. They have engaged the services of Mr. Z. Martin, of Titusville, Pa., who has had thirty years' experience as caterer and manager at popular summer resorts. This department will therefore be unsurpassed by any hotel in Philadelphia or vicinity.

On the grounds are located offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Adams Express, Pennsylvania Railroad baggage and ticket offices, U. S. post office, and every convenience and facility for the transaction of business or the sending of news.

Laundry work, under the supervision of competent parties, will be done at reasonable prices.

A large hall, 80 by 140 ft., has been provided, in which Grange and society meetings, lectures, entertainments, etc., will be held frequently, and every effort will be put forth to make this feature attractive and enjoyable to guests during the time of their sojourn at the Encampment. The hall will be used for religious services on Sabbaths.

Lawnful business of every description will be conducted on the grounds.

No intoxicating liquors sold on the premises.
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premises, and the Board will see that this regulation is strictly carried out.

For the convenience of the guests at the Encampment, trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave and arrive at the grounds every half hour, carrying passengers to and from the new Pennsylvania Railroad depot, at the entrance of the Exhibition, in less than one-seventh the time it would require from 12th and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, for the moderate charge of 15 cents a round trip.

Hourly trains to and from Philadelphia will accommodate those wanting to visit the city, day or night. These railroad arrangements are a decided advantage over street passenger railway cars, as it requires at least forty-five minutes time to run from Ninth and Chestnut streets to the Exposition Grounds, while guests at the Encampment will be carried from their hotel to the Exposition in ten minutes, and not be subject to the disagreeable inconveniences of over-crowded street cars.

A competent police force, watchmen, a fully organized Fire Brigade, safes for the deposit of money and valuables, accommodating clerks and attendants have been appointed and provided for the comfort and safety of all who visit the Encampment will be assured.

Good spring water will be pumped into portable reservoirs and conducted by pipes through the buildings, for cooking and drinking purposes, and hose connections arranged for immediate use in case of fire. A comfortable building has been erected in a pleasant and retired portion of the grounds for hospital purposes, and as near as under the care of a competent physician. Should any of the guests be so unfortunate as to become ill while at the Encampment, they may rely upon being well cared for.

Several of the managers of the Association, on the ground, have been present from the time of opening the Encampment until the close of the season, and every effort will be put forth to insure the comfort, convenience and safety of guests.

While this Association has been organized for the benefit of the Patrons of Husbandry throughout the United States and Canada, and the entire Board of Managers are members of the order, it is not intended to exclude persons from the Encampment who are not members of the order. On the contrary, entertainment will be open to Patrons of Husbandry, Agricultural societies, Temperance organizations, Masonic, Odd Fellows, and Mechanics' lodges, etc., and to all persons of good moral character, who bring recommendations with them from officers of National, State or Subordinate Associations, councils, lodges, or societies, or the members of those organizations in their respective localities.

As it is the intention of the Board of Managers to exclude, as far as possible, all persons of improper character, they earnestly request all guests to communicate their sympathies, cards, certificates of membership, or letters of recommendation, and to introduce no friend into the Encampment who does not bear a fair, moral record at home. These precautions are taken for the safety and benefit of the guests themselves.

Terms:—Room (double-bed), per day, $1.00. Meals, each, 50 cents. Tickets for rooms and meals will be sold at the Treasurer's office, in the Encampment building. Guests will not be required to pay for meals they do not get.

The Restaurant department will sell cheap lunch-packages, neatly put up, for the accommodation of those who desire to visit the Exhibition grounds and remain there all day. Every precaution will be taken to prevent imposition on our guests, both at the Encampment and the Exhibition grounds.

Rooms may be secured in advance by giving ten days' notice to the Secretary of the Association. Individuals and Granges holding stock in the Association will have preference in the engagement of rooms when the Encampment is crowded.

The stock books of the Association will remain open until about the first of June, and subscriptions received at par value—fifty dollars.

Letters containing subscriptions to stock, engagement of rooms, or seeking further information, will be promptly attended to and acknowledged, if addressed to R. H. TAYLOR, Sec'y, The Farmer's Friend Office, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

The Fifth Degree.

A worthy brother asks us to give our views of the Fifth Degree. This we can now do, as we had the pleasure of taking it with a class of 16 at the last meeting of the St. Louis County Grange on the first Saturday in April.

We have always insisted that the higher degrees should be opened to all who may, by strict trial be found worthy to join, or else be abolished. This we still hold should be the case. The degree itself is very beautiful, and is calculated to make a member a better member of the human family, a better Patron, if that be possible; and we should like to see it opened to all deserving members. One thing we can assure all that have not taken it—it is nothing that is so bad as many have supposed it. There is nothing whatever in it that tends to create a class or caste, the only objection being the way in which it has heretofore been forbidden to all but a very few. But in many states this restriction has been practically removed, so that there is a chance for the really worthy to join. We should like to see the brethren take hold of it better and organize more Pomona Granges. The Order at large would be greatly benefitted by it, we assure them.

Such are our views of the Fifth Degree. We should like to see the two higher degrees opened so that all that may be considered worthy can join, and not till then will all cause of complaint about them be removed.—The Grange Correspondent.

Livonia Grange No. 268, Mich., is building a hall 20x12 feet.

From the Farmer's Friend.

A Visit to the Encampment.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1st, '76.

Being a subscriber to your paper, although not a member of your Order, I thought I would visit the Centennial Encampment, and show it up to the many readers of your very interesting and instructive paper, as one not in the Order said, "I came this way during the next six months to see the Centennial celebration, I though I would go, see and report. Consequently, on last Saturday morning, I wended my way to the Pennsylvania Railroad depot, Thirty-first and Market streets, and took passage on the 10 o'clock train. After a short but very pleasant ride, I arrived at the grounds. Judge of my surprise; instead of finding a solitary house, I saw long rows of neatly-built houses, (any of which would make an ordinary-sized hotel) all connected together, and having the kind of facilities and conveniences of the finest details, and the right man in the right place. The rooms are large and the ventilation excellent, and will no doubt be very comfortable—as I understand they are furnished very neatly, but not gaudily. The dining hall is the largest I have ever seen, and having traveled considerable in my time, have consequently been in a great many. I should judge from the size, that from two to three thousand horses and carriages can have the wants of the inner man attended to at one time. The water arrangements are very fine; the Encampment being furnished with a cool, sparkling spring water, from a running stream a few yards from the dining hall, and forced through the building by means of an engine. The catering, I understand, is to be equal to that of the first-class hotels of this city, which are now charged from five to six dollars per day. If this is the case, and I don't doubt but that it is, why the managers will be very much pleased with the Order, for it is, as I understand, the only way where the great Exhibition is over. We have plenty of families in this city, who, (if it were allowed,) would like to spend the summer months at the Encampment, at the low rate of two dollars per day, in preference to remaining in this unusually scorching city, or going to the seaside resort at the rate of twenty-five dollars per week, and then suffer on returning home with a severe attack of indigestion, brought on by eating half cooked substantial and fancy dessert.

The location of the Encampment is excellent; the air is pure in breathing, and the arrangements throughout as
nearly perfect as can be made in any temporary hotel.

The train arrived on time, I left Elm at 12:06 noon, and arrived safely in this city of Brooklyn, all his shows, so well pleased with my visit to the Patrons’ Centennial Encampment, that I shall endeavor to repeat it at a future time, when you shall again hear from me.

CENTENNIAL NOTES.

THURSDAY, May 4th.

The Encampment buildings are almost completely finished. They attract general attention and approval. Several buildings are ready for guests by Wednesday. The city is filling up rapidly. R. H. THOMAS.

WROCUTER, MASS., April 26th, 76.

R. H. THOMAS, Sec'y: — The very generous proposal of your board of managers to entertain the members of our order during the Centennial, upon the same terms as are offered to Patrons of the Order, has been accepted unanimously as accepted by our National Committee. In conveying to you this information, permit me to express my warm appreciation of the kindly personal interest you have taken in these negotiations. May the rank and file of these two grand armies of reform, through the influence of weekly reunions during the Centennial, receive an inspiration that shall lift us all to the highest heights of noble endeavor. Cordially and fraternally yours.

W. H. EARLE, Pres’t National Council, S. of I.

From the Farmers’ Friend.

THE SECRETARY of the Centennial Encampment Association will, in a few days, mail to every Grange in the United States and Canada, a handson guide book, descriptive of the great Centennial Exposition and the railroad routes by which it may be reached at the shortest time and at the lowest rates of fare. The book will also contain full information in reference to the Patrons’ Centennial Encampment, its advantages as a home for farmers who visit the exposition, terms for lodging and board per day, etc. It will be addressed to the Worshipful Master of each Grange, but is intended for the use of all the members. Any Master failing to receive the book by the 10th of May will please write by postal card to R. H. Thomas, Mechanisburg, Pa. Grange and agricultural papers throughout the U. S. and Canada will confer a favor by publishing this item.

DOUBT there will be many Grange picnics during the coming summer and fall, and they will be fully as interesting as those of previous seasons; but the great Patron’s picnic of the Centennial year will be held at the Encampment, near Philadelphia. Here will be assembled for the space of the beautiful grounds, all the great fruit-growers and the leaders of the best industrial work that can be had from every State and Territory of the Union. Officers of National, State, District and Subordinate Granges will meet here, to be acknowledged as the leaders of their various subjects and to be good of the Order. The unwritten work will be compared and new methods adopted, and every subject will be delivered by able members of the Order, and social ties will be formed which will last through life.
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SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

J. T. COBB, M. S. MILLER, S. C. SCHOOLCRAFT.

Officers and members of Subordinate Granges may correspond with this Office, and always give the Number of their Grange.

PLASTER.

Combinations, Present Condition and Future Prospects.

The determination of large numbers of the farmers of this country to introduce some improvement into the manner of doing business where they were interested parties, which is one of the features of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, has met from the beginning the determined hostility of very many members of other classes of society.

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But your position is untenable. You do violence to the spirit of this progressive age, when you assert that the system which you have combined to sustain and perpetuate cannot be improved—that as your goods went to consumer through the hands of an agent who was not entirely free, of course no innovation should be allowed.

The National Grange in its famous Declaration of Principles declare that the Patrons of Husbandry d desire to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers into the most direct and friendly relations possible. Hence we must dispense with a middleman, and push forward as fast as our waiting brothers as fast as we expect.

The manufacturers combined and we were invited to step down and out is ready money, and to inter-mediate parties on long credit.

But we find this class of manufacturers have been no more willing to accede to the demands of our order than the other, and although the trade of Patrons is now sought for by many of the largest manufacturers of agricultural implements in the country, yet in few instances was this point reached until combinations had been circumvented and beaten by the persistent and determined efforts of the farmers of our Order.

In this State, we are to-day, where our brethren farther west were a year or two ago, the combination of plow manufacturers a score or so in number propose to dictate to the thousands who buy and use plows, whose thousands shall buy plows of, and if one of them is applied to by a farmer for a dozen plows he is politely told, "We can't sell to you sir, we have agent in your town or county, who will see you all you want."

The large plow manufacturers of Illinois and Iowa who have been mixed up in this plaster business from the beginning, feel very well satisfied with its present status.

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Last year some of our people accepted the terms offered, and some done without plaster. From the nation this spring we were at no moment of circumstances, have been filled, and though a small part of the orders sent us for plaster have been filled, and though our efforts to secure independence have not been entirely successful yet, progress has been made that we think ensures ultimate success. Those of us who have been mixed up in this plaster business from the beginning, feel very well satisfied with its present status.

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The charts for nearly all the Pomona Granges organized in this State, are still in this office subject to order. I hope Secretaries of those Granges will send me a report as required by Rule 38 in Mastrs' department of the April number of Visitor, and also give directions as to their charters.

The following subordinate Granges are entitled to their charters: Nos. 597, 546, 547, 584, 580, 587, 592, 593, 594, 603, 604, 605. These charters are put up ready to be sent out every 6 months when I receive directions above to make them.

We get orders from Secretaries every week for articles found in our supply list, with prices annexed, in which the writer states that he would have sent the money if he knew the price. We think this is a poor ex-
cise, when the Visitor is sent to Secretaries free, and every number has the price of all supplies that we keep for sale. Please don't send us any more blanks for journals or anything else not found in our Price List.

If any Secretary is without a supply of blanks for Quarterly Reports, give me notice and they will be sent at once.

Since writing up the situation of plaster supply and prospects, for this number of the Visitor, my attention has been again directed to the false reports which are being circulated throughout the State, which are calculated to mislead not only the general public, but also Patrons who have not been apprised of the facts.

Even papers that are friendly to our Order, or ought to be, like the Michigan Farmer, have editorially given all partial to the Combination. The Executive Committee is not wholly made up of dolts, but includes some successful business men, and we are surprised that the agricultural editors of the Farmer and Transcript should, like the common news monger, who wants news not facts, give currency and value to that report upon the Executive Committee, and are injurious to this large organization of Michigan farmers.

Items were written which were easy reach, and could have been had at any time. It has been reported, and we find very generally believed, that a large amount of money had been drawn from the Treasury of the Michigan State Grange to aid H. O. Weston, to develop his plaster enterprise at Grandville, and that Granges and individual members had sent money to Mr. Weston for plaster, which was not furnished, nor the money refunded.

No part of any of these statements is true. The members of the Executive Committee did become personally interested in the matter, and called upon Mr. Weston, and of the amount of money so advanced, all has been refunded but $2,500, and a part of that will be paid before the 1st of June next. At no time has a dollar been drawn from the Treasury of the State Grange, or from any Subordinate Grange or from any member of the Order, other than as stated. Nor has any Grange sent money to Mr. Weston for plaster that it either ordered or has not received.

All orders on Mr. Weston for plaster from Granges, have passed through this office, as have all collections, and the only complaint has been that the supply of plaster has not equalled the demand; a complaint that will not be renewed after thirty days. The property is now in the hands of energetic business men, of ample means. Strata of 16 feet of plaster rock of the best quality, remarkably free from foreign matter, have already been worked, and there is more below. It is an established fact that no better mine has been opened in Grand River Valley than this one, which will in future supply "The Granger Plaster Mill."

-Blank Receipts for membership dues, bound, 50 cts. per hundred.

In the Grange the Lecturer is the instructor. To instruct others presupposes ability, a fund of information, and in these years of progression continual research and study to be able to instruct. A Lecturer should then be the general teacher or leader in the moral, mental, aesthetic work of our Order, at least have that work in charge, inducing others to assist him in all fields wherein he is not himself proficient.

Among farmers and particularly in the newer portions of the country, there are but few who have had a liberal education and are thus qualified to instruct, yet there is scarcely a Grange in our State which has not some member (Sister if not Brother,) who has good general knowledge, and who by industry and effort would make a good Lecturer, and many in the position not themselves directly capable as they should be, may by tact so employ the assistance of other members as to give his Grange valuable instruction, leading its members to successful research in the broad and beautiful fields of thought that lie unexplored before them.

Brother Lecturer of Grange, you have been elected to hold position; what are the duties you have attempted to do, that you may strive to do them well?

When installed you were charged with the instruction of the members. A broad field of labor. You are to give instruction in the principles of our great calling. Agriculture, and to incite to your brothers and sisters the well established results of the application of these principles in practice, and thus incite your neighbors to profit by what has been established, and to venture with due caution upon the fields of further trial and experiment. The fields with their culture, the orchard, the garden, the farm buildings, the forest, and its preservation, the domestic animals and their improvement, the dairy and its management, with its minute divisions, each and all needing attention, are themes for the Grange Lecturer. But the house and home must not be forgotten. The dwelling in which we enjoy the fruits of our farm labor needs your attention, Worthy Brother. The convenience, comfort and attractiveness of the habitation has much to do with the happiness of the inhabitant, and are not a large portion of our members spending their time doing their work in-doors? Our homes are today giving the early lessons to the rising generation, who, the children of to-day, are to be the women and men of to-morrow. The character and habits of the rising generation will largely depend upon their Home Instruction. Then our homes, their structure, surroundings and decoration, are properly questions for instruction in the Grange, and so also are the subjects of food, clothing, home amusements, mental, aesthetic and social improvement.

The Lecturer should not always stay within their limits, broad as they are, but deal also with roads and their structure, schools their support, markets and their location, and all the questions in which the farmer and his family are interested.

The means of giving instruction: 1st. By Lecturers or familiar talks by the lecturer, or some one whom he may induce to do it, either for his own or some neighboring Grange. 2d. By selecting judiciously articles of interest and general information to be read by some member of the Grange, and after the reading, have the Grange indulge in a general discussion of the subject and its local adaptation. 3d. Selecting questions for debate. The question should be announced at a previous meeting, and one or two members selected to write or speak upon the question, to lead in the debate. Every member can be led sooner or later to take part in discussion and to prepare for it.

The Lecturer should take great pains to gather all the unwritten work and be ready at any and all times to instruct by exemplification if desired to do so by the Master or the Grange. To do this, he should study other Granges and study the literature of the Order, to inform himself. The design of the signs, signals and emblems and their philosophy, and how to be familiar with him. How to make meetings interesting and instructive to secure the best attendance, and the promptest work all demand his attention.

In the absence of both Master and Overseer, the Lecturer if present, should at the proper time call the Grange to order, and filling the vacancies go to work.

That the Lecturer may have means to inform himself, every Grange should have more or less books or papers for his use and study. The Monitors and Guides and books named in the 1st article should be sent to him. But to his special charge and use, I would recommend the "Mentor in the Grange." Hemwright, with profit, read it in course to the Grange—Books on farming, gardening, fruit culture, &c., should be at hand. Especially would I recommend each Grange to take papers for the Lecturers use—such as are not generally read by the members. I will name a few:—The Household (monthly), $1.00. The Michigan Farmer (weekly), $2.00. Stock Journal, and every member or family at least should have the Farmers, a long list could be had together, and the Lecturer be well spent by any Grange to secure such papers and books.

An energetic Lecturer would soon set on foot measures that would begin the work of the Grange Library. A few volumes to begin with, would soon grow into a valuable collection, the pride of every member a strong and indelible bond that he might be we be well spent by any Grange to secure such books and papers.
to command more. Be sure you are right in all you do. Co-operate with each other in your purchases, and then lead others into the channels you have explored, on the hights you have reached, and receive your reward in beholding others under your guidance and friendship the truth you have discovered.

State Agent's Department.

J. H. Gardner, - CENTREVILLE.

Patrons, Attention.

It has long been the practice of many Farmers to put off the time of procuring their implements and supplies until they are in actual need for them; and then to either send their orders for delivery on short notice; or go to the nearest dealer and pay perhaps fifty per cent more than what they could have procured the same article for if they had purchased a few days before.

To carry on any business successfully, whether it is farming, manufacturing or trading, it is necessary to prepare all calculations, and make an influence and bearing on the pursuit. The Farmer should understand his self, climate and markets, and raise the crops best adapted to his surroundings.

Few labor for the pleasure of it, but for the gain obtained thereby; therefore the Farmer should cultivate the crops that will yield the best money returns. The secret of success is to produce what is needed at the smallest outlay of labor, and in order to do this, the best implements should be used in preparing the soil, cultivating and harvesting the crops.

This is a necessity in these progressive times, to which our business must conform if we would succeed in the race of life.

The Farmer who neglects to use the best improved plows, cultivators, mowers and harvesters, will fall behind his neighbor who does, and will constantly complain of hard times, poor crops, and when solid steel teeth can be had for a bushel of corn, he will not suffer the loss of trade even at a loss of all profit.

The Gale manufacturing company with whom I had agreed for plows and rakes, have declined to fill orders for their goods, and I have now agreed with the St. Joseph manufacturing company of Mishawaka and the Reiber and Machine Company of Mishawaka and Bend, Indians, for their plows at wholesale rates.

I must again request all to give their post-office and county in writing to me if an answer is expected, so that I cannot spend the time in consulting the pricings lists and directories to find out where letters are from that have no name of post-office or county seal attached to the letter, which I must insist on in all cases where the correspondent is not a master or secretary of a Grange or an acquaintance, so that I can know that the writer is a member of our Order, otherwise I can not answer.

I have agreed with a dry goods house at Detroit, to fill all orders which I send in their line at New York quotations adding freight; so that any Grange sending me an order with the amount of $1,600. In March, Tipton, Mo., on a capital of $1,400, to the secretary of the State Grange. I have sent a list to the secretary of every tool manufactory or manufacturer, and solicit orders. I have an arrangement for the Home depot at Detroit, to fill all orders which he indicates, and if any one ordered a number and have not yet received their goods, I now propose to follow the practice of the Grange men, and send them tens of thousands of dollars to market from many parts of our country; while the price of meats is generally reduced from previous prices of this machine. It is sent on trial as hereunto.

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Every day Patrons send us bills of hardware and list of articles on which to quote prices. These prices in the majority of cases go before the local dealer, who has the second bid. It takes valuable time to make up this information, and in nine cases out of ten we are bid under by the local dealer who will not suffer the loss of trade even when a small profit is made.

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This statement of Brother Kniffen's is equally applicable to Michigan, and I now propose to follow the practice which he indicates, and if any one wanting my prices will first send the prices of the same description of goods from their dealers, I will then furnish prices, otherwise I shall refer them to general dealers in the city, as I don't choose to be used to beat down prices at the doors of patrons. I have now satisfactory arrangements so that I can fill orders in quantity for dry goods, groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, paints and oils and all kinds of farm tools at wholesale prices, and have sent a list to the secretary of every Grange in the State who I can not answer.

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—The Grange co-operative store at Tipton, Mo., on a capital of $1,400, sold in the month of February, goods to the amount of $1,000. In March, with capital increased to $2,200, and$2,500 worth of goods. The manag-

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Resolved, That the recent acts of certain State Granges refusing to ratify the constitutional amendment that would change the State of Michigan to fix the minimum fee of membership within its own limits, is contrary to that good will and fraternal feeling that should characterize every member and organization of our Order, and should receive as it justly merits, the condemnation of every true Patron.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the GRANGE VISITOR and also to the Michigan Farmer, for publication.

W. A. WALES, John L. THOMAS, Com.

James H. COREY, Secretary.

HARTFORD GRANGE, No. 50.

Worthy Bro. J. T. OBB:—With pleasure I send you an addition to the list of subscribers for the VISITOR from Hartford. Some of us would not do without this valuable little paper for three times what it costs us. Every Patron would deal through the Grange and let the middleman alone. I would recommend Smith & Ensign to all brother Patrons. We find we receive benefits by buying from headquarters. Bought garden seeds of Charles Lizer of Mount Lebanon, N. Y., and saved a large profit to ourselves. Purchasing Agt. Morenci Grange, No. 280.

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J. T. COBB, May 5th, 1876.

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